

2007 Women's History Month Award Recipients

Olgica Antovska is an independent artist and dedicated teacher much loved by her students. She works with both mainstream students in state secondary schools as well as with disabled students. She is a strong, independent role model for her students and a talented and award-winning artist.

Daniela Dimitrievska serves as Executive Director of the Macedonian Women's Lobby. For more than 10 years, Ms. Dimitrievska has been a key lobbyist for women's rights. She has demonstrated resourcefulness and pushed vigorously to unite women from all political parties to support new provisions to the Electoral Code that require equal distribution of women candidates throughout electoral lists for both local and national elections that were adopted in 2006.

Elena Grozdanova, Head of the Gender Equality Unit of the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, additionally serves as a Senior Consultant of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for TIP victims. Under her leadership, a team of young, anti-TIP specialists developed extensive analyses of Trafficking that occurs within Macedonia and the legislative amendments required to address the problem.

Orhideja Grupce and Biljana Minceva Shukarova are colleagues at the Institute of Chemistry, Faculty of Natural Sciences. Dr. Grupce, Professor, in the Department of Analytical Chemistry and Dr. Minceva Shukarova, Department Chair, Physical Chemistry, succeeded in receiving a significant grant which will create a "cutting edge" laboratory to conduct non-destructive analysis and testing of museum objects, and simultaneously train students in cultural preservation.

Shpresa Jusufi is the spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A career diplomat with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Jusufi attained this position in September 2006. She repeatedly demonstrates a thorough understanding of the sensitive nature of public affairs and its crucial importance for the bilateral relationship between the U.S. and Macedonia.

Roksanda Krstevska serves as Deputy Public Prosecutor for the Republic of Macedonia. Ms. Krstevska has spent her entire 35 year career working as a public prosecutor. She has been a member of the National Commission for Combating TIP since its establishment, and has lead the promotion of the anti-TIP prosecution policy. In addition, she has continuously supported the development of the Association of Public Prosecutors.

Eleonora Zgonjanin Petrovic is Director of FULM Savings House. Her strong leadership, vision and hard work in pursuing this new concept in the Macedonian financial institutions' environment has been laudible. Ms. Petrovic's active engagement in the development of the legislation on Credit Unions evidences her commitment to ensuring that FULM will operate in a sustainable, stable, and regulated environment for the continued benefit of its members.